

5th, evangelistic services will be held for ten days. Rev. H. J. Williams will preach February 5th; Rev. F. T. McFaden, D. D., on February 6th, and on February 9th Rev. C. W. Maxwell, of South Boston, will come to preach through the rest of the meetings.

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society are always ably conducted and interesting, even when no speaker is invited from abroad. At the last meeting, January 20th, the ladies pledged themselves to raise \$25 additional to their already generous missionary budget.

—**Sunday School Conference:** A conference of Sunday school workers of Richmond and vicinity will be held in the Grace Street Presbyterian Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2d, 3d and 4th, beginning at 4 o'clock each afternoon. On Monday the conference will discuss problems of the elementary departments, and successful teachers will tell of their experiences and methods. On Tuesday problems and methods of work in the perplexing "teen age" department are to be considered; while the conference on Wednesday will be concerned with adult classes and with the work of superintendents and officers. These conferences are to be held in the Sunday school room of the church, and each division is to be closed with a round table discussion. There will be an intermission each day from 6 to 7 o'clock, during which time a supper will be served at the price of twenty-five cents, and there will be opportunity for the workers to get acquainted with each other.

Each night there will be a popular address bearing on some phase of Sunday school work, preceded by a short song service of Sunday school music conducted by the choir of one of the Presbyterian Sunday schools of Richmond. The public is earnestly urged to hear these addresses, which will be given in the church auditorium, and will be by distinguished speakers, as follows: On Monday night, by Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of the Medical College of Virginia, on "We Must Work"; on Tuesday night, by Rev. Robert E. Vinson, president of Austin Theological Seminary, on "The Sunday School as an Evangelistic Agency," and on Wednesday night, by Rev. James I. Vance, of Nashville, Tenn., on "Is It Worth While for a Young Man to be Religious?"

—**Union Theological Seminary:** The report of the great student volunteer convention at Kansas City by the five young men who represented Union Seminary, Messrs. Shields, of North Carolina; Taylor, of South Carolina; Tucker, of Missouri, and Lancaster and Scott, of Mississippi, was listened to with interest by the student body of the seminary in mass-meeting and by a large congregation from the community as well.

The special addresses before the Society of Missionary Inquiry in January were made by Rev. A. R. Bird, pastor of the Second Church, Washington, D. C., and by Rev. Maurice Ruben, founder of the New Covenant Mission to the Jews in Pittsburgh. When Mr. Ruben was converted and informed his family, who were of Hebrew blood, and said that he had become a Christian, they had him arrested and rushed off and placed him in a lunatic asylum. Christian friends, however, interposed, secured an investigation and quickly had him released. He has done a great work among his former co-religionists in Pittsburgh.

The first special address to the Society in February will be given by Dr. J. G. Snedecor, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., on the work among the negroes in our own country. He will find at the semi-

nary a large and flourishing Sunday school for the colored people of Ginter Park, and a largely attended weekly prayer meeting for them, both conducted by students of the seminary. He will find also, in a destitute and degraded section of the city, one of the most remarkable and encouraging developments of our work ever known in our church. This is the Seventeenth Street Mission, conducted by Mr. Murray Gray, one of the students of the seminary.

The work of Professor Sleeth in the art of public speaking is exciting the same interest and enthusiasm that it did last year. The improvement in the preaching of the students since he became the instructor in elocution has been very marked and has called forth gratifying comments on every hand. Besides the regular students, nine of our ministers are attending the course, though not all of them have been able to remain throughout. One of our last year students writes expressing his regret at missing the work this year of "America's premier prime elocutionist," and saying that he regrets it the more because he cannot hope to find his equal in any other community, as "it is too much to expect any one age to turn out such in pairs." To this all who have watched his work here will heartily agree. One of the most effective preachers in the South, pastor in a distant city, after seeing a few hours of his work, said, "He is a wonder." The president of the seminary has said repeatedly that he had been seeking the right kind of teacher of elocution for many years, but had never found the man who filled the bill exactly until he found Professor Sleeth.

Inquiries continue to come in as to the exact dates of the lectures by Dr. James Stalker, of Scotland, on the James Sprunt Foundation. His lectures will begin April 7th and end April 17th. The subject is "Religious Psychology in the Pulpit and in the Pew."

The baccalaureate sermon at the seminary commencement in May will be preached by Rev. Professor M. E. Sentelle, D. D., of Davidson College, N. C.

The first three weeks of the second half session of the seminary have been full of varied interest, but it may be safely said that no single feature of the month exceeded in value the remarkable sermon by Dr. Theron H. Rice last Sunday night in the seminary chapel on the third chapter of Proverbs, under the title of "Every Man's University." He handled the contents of the entire chapter under the three heads: "The Course," "The Degree" and "The Career." It was a really marvelous expository sermon. It is no wonder that Princeton and other institutions have so earnestly sought his services as professor, and it is cause for deep thankfulness that he chooses to remain in our own seminary and to give himself to the training of our own young ministers.

Newport News, First Church: At the quarterly communion service, January 11th, sixteen persons were welcomed to membership in this church. Seven of these were received on certificate and nine on profession of faith. The total membership is now 588. Dr. E. T. Welford is the devoted pastor of this flourishing church.

Lexington: At the prayer meeting on Wednesday night, January 14th, Mr. Francis P. Miller, a member of the senior class in Washington and Lee University, gave a very interesting account of the quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement. Mr. Miller had attended the convention in Kansas City as one of the delegates from Washington and Lee University.

The deacons' quarterly report was distributed to the congregation Sunday, January 15th, showing \$917.52 contributed for our local needs during October, November and December, and \$1,118.81 contributed to the various benevolent causes, and not only contributed, but forwarded, for our treasurer does not hold the church's money, but dispatches it promptly.

Wednesday night, January 21st, Rev. William E. Hudson, who is taking up the arduous work so long carried on by Dr. Guerrant, made a strong appeal for the neglected mountain whites in our Southern country, an appeal that was enforced by maps and stereopticon views. The Lexington church has undertaken just such a work at Irish Creek, up in the mountains some twenty miles from here.

A. H.

Presbytery of Norfolk: The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call the Presbytery of Norfolk to meet in the First Church of Portsmouth, Va., on the 29th day of January, 1914, at 12 o'clock, to transact the following business:

1. To receive a letter dismissing the Rev. V. G. Smith from the Presbytery of Albemarle to the Presbytery of Norfolk.

2. To arrange for the installation of the Rev. V. G. Smith as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, Va., if the way is clear.

3. To hear a report from the Committee on Systematic Benevolence concerning an apportionment among the churches of the amount required for the Presbyterian Orphans' Home, and to act upon the same should the way be clear.

G. B. Hanrahan, Moderator.

Culpeper: Sunday, January 18th, was a red-letter day in the history of the Culpeper church. It was the regular quarterly communion day. Four persons were received into the church upon profession of faith and one by letter. Previous to this a ten days' meeting was held, in which the preaching was done by the Rev. W. R. McElroy, of Charlottesville, Va. Mr. McElroy is the Presbyterian evangelist of West Hanover Presbytery, and is now laboring in that capacity in Potomac Presbytery also. He is well fitted for his great work. He is a convincing and eloquent preacher of the gospel, and his coming was a great blessing to our little church.

A movement has been started to secure a manse for this church. The small membership has given liberally, but about one thousand dollars is still needed.

Are there not many individuals and churches in the Synod who will help this struggling church to secure a manse? Send contributions to Rev. L. F. Harper, Bealeton, Va.

Waynesboro: Dr. D. K. Walthall, pastor of the Waynesboro Presbyterian Church, has recently received notice of a signal honor paid the church. For some years the Southern Presbyterian Church has been working under what is known as the "Every-Member Canvass" for benevolences. Mr. J. P. McCallie, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who is chairman of the committee on this department of the Church's work, is preparing slides for a stereopticon lecture on the subject, this lecture to be given all over the Southern Church. Three churches, one each in the city, town and county, have been selected as representatives of what the movement will do when vigorously pressed. The Presbyterian church here has been chosen as the representative town church of the Southern Assembly, and Dr. Walthall has been asked to furnish pictures of the church and of himself to be used in the stereopticon. Under

the doctor's picture will be the following testimonial, which several months ago he gave the movement: "Nothing short of an outpouring of the Spirit of God in the conversion of souls can be a greater blessing to the Church than the every-member canvass." On a third slide will be the record of the advance made by the Church under this canvass, showing, in summary, that in the two years since this canvass was first made the offerings to benevolences have increased from \$1,170 to \$3,172, or 171 per cent increase. This is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that this church is still paying about \$2,500 a year on the handsome new building.—Staunton Leader.

Alexandria: The services closed with two meetings on Sunday evening, the 18th. The First Baptist Church was crowded and a large congregation listened to a sermon by our pastor, Dr. Allison. His subject was a "Soul in Its Search for God." At the same time Rev. J. R. Strausburg conducted services in the Second Presbyterian Church. Much good was done by these union services.

Lynchburg, Rivermont Avenue Church: Pursuant to call a congregational meeting was held in the body of the church immediately after the morning service for the purpose of electing additional elders and deacons. The meeting was called to order by Pastor A. E. Baker. After briefly stating the object of the meeting, nominations being in order, Messrs. Edward W. Buckingham and Charles H. Evans (from the board of deacons) were unanimously elected to the office of ruling elders, and George V. Venable and Hersey G. Basham were elected deacons. C.

To the Members of the Church Building and Home Mission Fund, Montgomery Presbytery: The Presbytery of Montgomery, at the stated fall meeting held in Piedmont Church, ordered a call to be made upon the members of the fund to assist in the erection of the church at Evington, Va. The Committee of Home Missions first passed upon this request from the church at Evington, and recommended to the Presbytery that a call be made. This is the second call for church building upon the members of the fund. They will greatly aid the secretary and reduce the expenses if each one will, on reading this notice, send the amount of \$1 to the secretary, W. T. Palmer, Lynchburg, Va. Be careful to state when remitting what church you are a member of.

This church at Evington cannot be built without the aid from this fund, and it means the life or death of the church whether they can build or not. Again we are realizing the usefulness and the necessity of this fund, for the Presbytery has no other source from which it can draw to aid churches in building. The secretary has endeavored to enlist the co-operation of a voluntary committee in each one of our churches, who would present this matter personally to the members of each church, and so assist in enlarging the membership fund. Only a very few of these churches have responded at all to the letters addressed to them, but one committee addressing itself to the work, has sent in nearly eighty names. This plan of church building needs only to be presented to the members in order to secure their hearty endorsement.

A prominent lawyer remarked not long ago that this was the most sensible and businesslike scheme he had heard of for a long time.

We would like to enroll your name as a member.

Very truly yours,

W. T. Palmer, Secretary.